



# STORM DRAIN CONTEST

Contest Details 2022

**The Storm Drain Art program** is designed to use art to engage, educate and motivate people to prevent pollutants from entering our rivers and streams through storm drains. Artwork, that includes short messaging, will inform people how storm drains are linked directly to our water supply and should be kept free of litter and toxins.

The program for 2022 will include murals on storm drains within the City of Gaithersburg that have been identified by the Stormwater Management Team.

## Who Can Enter?

Any resident of Montgomery County, MD. All ages can submit art, however, entries by those under 18 years of age require a parent or guardian signature.

## What is the Prize?

The winners will see their art painted on storm drains (and possibly banners, bus shelters, coloring books and other educational materials in Gaithersburg in 2022-2023 (and maybe even longer)!

The art will be visible to the public and will play an important role in educating the City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County residents on water quality issues. Plus, the art will



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help beautify the City and add a pop of color and beauty to typically boring storm drains.

## Deadline

Submit entries by **World Water Day - March 22, 2021**

Winners will be announced on **Earth Day - April 22, 2022**

## How Do I Enter?

**Step 1.** Determine if this contest is right for you. The Storm Drain Art Contest is limited to residents of Montgomery County, MD. Employees of Gaithersburg, MD government, contest judges, or family of contest judges are not eligible.

**Step 2.** Read the ***Rules and Restrictions*** document which explains the details, timing, and requirements of the contest. For additional info, check out the Storm Drain Art Contest ***FAQs***.

**Step 3.** Get creative! Think about what message you would like to communicate about water quality, pollution and our streams. Sketch out some ideas, test them on family and friends. Also think about what medium you would like to create the art – on a computer, hand drawn, etc.



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**Step 4.** Create your artwork. Utilizing the guidelines in the ***Rules and Restrictions***, you can submit **up to two (2) art designs** to the contest.

**Step 5.** Depending on the medium your art was created in, either convert it to a .pdf, .jpg, or .png file or take a picture of your art in those formats. Try to make the picture as crisp and clear as possible and capture the entire piece in one picture. (If you are submitting two designs, they should each be a separate submission.)

**Step 6.** Submit each design separately through the online form; or if by mail, complete one **Entry and Release Forms** for each design.

## Online Form

Complete the online form and attach your artwork in .PDF .JPG, .PNG or .GIF format. The file should be no bigger than 10 MB. If you have trouble uploading the file due to size, please email [artgalleries@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:artgalleries@gaithersburgmd.gov) for assistance.

## Mail

Download the following forms, complete them and send by mail no later than **March 22, 2021**.



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**Att: Arts Barn - Gallery**

**506 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877**

## Required Documents

There are two required documents that every contest participant should review:

- ***Rules and Restrictions*** This document has all the information you need to successfully enter the contest.
- ***Entry and Release Form*** This document has the Entry and Release Forms that must be completed and submitted with the original artwork. If submitting through the online form, this is within the form itself.

## Judging

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges. There will be several winners, one per drain.

## Environmental Phrases to be Used as Inspiration:

1. Only rain down the drain.
2. Save the creatures of the Bay.
3. Clean Water Makes the Earth Happy.
4. Gaithersburg says NO to Litter.



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5. Don't Pour that Goop in the Storm drain.

## Helpful Resources

- Storm Drain Art Contest FAQs document
- [G-PARC Album of Storm Drain Art 2021](#)
- [Flickr Album of Storm Drain Art](#) View pictures of other storm drain art in Montgomery County. Help get those creative juices flowing!
- To learn more about water quality protection, visit our [Stormwater 101 webpage](#).